

NOTICE OF 30-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD Haldex Brake Products Site 1238 Bluff Road, Columbia, South Carolina

DHEC (the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control) is accepting public comments on a proposed Voluntary Cleanup Contract through December 24, 2013.

The Voluntary Cleanup Contract, 13-6221-NRP, will affect approximately 0.71 acres identified by tax map number R11209-01-07. A company known as Arthur State Bank (Arthur) wants to buy the property from its current owners. This Voluntary Cleanup Contract will be between DHEC and Arthur.

The property was used in the past as a machine shop, a fabrication shop, and most recently to refurbish brake components for the railway industry. General location uses around the property include commercial and industrial property.

Arthur intends to foreclose on the property and remarket it for commercial use. If this Voluntary Cleanup Contract is implemented, DHEC will allow Arthur to acquire the property as a "Brownfields Site" because of the potential for environmental pollution. Arthur did not create the pollution, but will take steps to control it to keep the property safe for re-use.

DHEC will not hold Arthur responsible for the pre-existing pollution in exchange for doing work under the Voluntary Cleanup Contract. Under State law, Arthur will not be responsible if anyone is affected by the contamination. Entering into this contract does not reduce the responsibility of any former owners or operators of the site.

Under the proposed contract, Arthur will test soil and groundwater from the property. If significant contamination is found, Arthur will be required to take additional steps to protect human health and the environment.

DHEC uses Voluntary Cleanup Contracts to return Brownfield sites to productive reuse. The proposed contract is available at http://www.scdhec.gov/environment/lwm/publicnotice.htm Printed copies may be obtained from the DHEC Freedom of Information Office at (803) 898-3882.

The public may provide written, email, or telephone comments on the proposed contract through December 24, 2013. Questions or comments may be directed to Alex Fulmer, telephone (803) 898-0932, email FulmerWA@dhec.sc.gov, or TOLL-FREE telephone (866) 576-3432. Written comments should be directed to either individual at SCDHEC, 2600 Bull Street, Columbia, SC 29201.